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Fair, moderate tonight and Thursday; gentle to moderate winds, be coming southerly.
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Sun rose 4:54 and sets 7:14.

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A COMMENDABLE ACT

Alexandria Shriners to Dispense with Banquet and Contribute Money that it Would Cost to Local Red Cross.

Inspired by patriotic motives, the Shriners of this city have decided to contribute to the local branch of the Red Cross of Alexandria the amount of money they would expend for a banquet, on May 25th, and omit the banquet which was first proposed. The action of the members is conceded as most commendable, and will, undoubtedly, be appreciated by the local Red Cross branch.

The resolution adopted by the Shriners concerning the banquet follows:

"RESOLVED, That the Illustrious Potentate be requested to dispense with the traditional banquet on May 25th, and that an amount equal to the cost of such banquet, less the amount necessary for the entertainment of the Official Divan, the Patrol, the band and the out of town Novices, be donated to the Civilian Relief committee of the Alexandria Chapter of Red Cross."

ROW IN THE REICHSTAG.

Socialist Leaders Predict Revolution in Germany if Present Course is Continued.

Berlin, May 16—The socialist leader, Georg Ledebour, declared in the reichstag yesterday that it was impossible for Germany to win a war of subjugation, and expressed the conviction that a revolution must happen in Germany as it had happened in Russia. "We shall propose a constitutional committee," he said, "to take preparatory steps in the direction of introducing a republic in Germany." Language almost as strong was used by Philip Scheidemann, social democrat, when he shouted: "If France and Great Britain renounce annexation and Germany insists thereon, we shall have a revolution in the country."

Continuing he said:

"The supporters of conquest shout for increase of power, increase of territory, money and raw material. That can only be wanted by a nationally organized gang of robbers. (This statement provoked a storm of indignation on the right.) The drawing of the Kaiser into this agitation has as a result that abroad the kaiser is made responsible for pan-German madness and the outbreak of war, and that he is continually being insulted.

"Peace by agreement would be good fortune for Europe. Ninety-nine per cent of all the peoples look with hope and longing to Stockholm. If France and Great Britain renounce annexation and Germany insists thereon, we shall have a revolution in the country."

There were prolonged shouts of indignation at this and cries of "Shame! Stand down!".

The president called Herr Scheidemann to order, but Scheidemann continued:

"It has not gone so far as that yet; the enemy does not renounce annexation. A peace just to all parties should be concluded. I am firmly convinced that no peace can be concluded without an alteration of frontiers and that must be arranged by mutual understanding. I am bitterly opposed to the slaughter of another 1,000,000 men simply because certain Germans desire peace that would follow conquests. Long live peace! Long live Europe!"

ALEXANDRIA CITY SCHOOLS.

Proposals for Fuel for City Schools for Session of 1917 and 1918.

The undersigned will receive bids up to 12 noon, June 1, 1917, for furnishing the Alexandria City Schools with coal and wood for the coming winter.:

Estimated quantities needed:—

100 tons White Ash, Anthracite stove coal.

200 tons R. O. M., Bituminous Coal.

5 cords wood, sawed and split.

The bids for coal to be based on 2000 pounds to the ton, to be delivered in 90 days.

The coal and wood to be delivered at the various school houses in quantities designated.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. GILBERT COX,
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FIRST SHOT IN WAR

Fired by Naval Gunners Under Command of Lieutenant Bruce Ware, a Former Resident of Alexandria.

Residents of this city have learned with pleasure that practically the first shot fired from a United States gun in the war with Germany was discharged by the naval gunners on the steamer Mongolia, on April 19th under command of Lieutenant Bruce Ware, a former resident of Alexandria. It was fired from a six-inch gun and sank the German U-boat which was about to attack the Mongolia. It occurred on the anniversary of the battle of Lexington, which began the war of the revolution another interesting fact in connection with it. Lieutenant Ware resided here for several years with his mother, was a former member of the Alexandria Light Infantry and participated in suppresisng the riot in Richmond in 1903 incited by the street car strike in progress at the time in that city.

Leslie's Weekly contains the following concerning the sinking of the German U-Boat:

The first victory in actual warfare between the United States and Germany went to the American gunners who, with one shot from the six-inch gun, mounted on the stern of the Mongolia, sank a German submarine, on April 19th, the afternoon before the freighter reached its British port. The success of this naval engagement which lasted just two minutes, is a credit to the skill of the American naval gunners and to Lieutenant Bruce Ware, who commanded the gun crew. At about 5:30 the first mate sighted the periscope of the submarine about a mile ahead on the port bow and immediately gave the alarm. The periscope vanished as the U-boat submerged and then it reappeared alongside the Mongolia where the target for the torpedo would be larger. While the submarine was still 1000 yards away the order to fire was given and a six-inch shell, the first and only shot fired, shattered the periscope, which vanished in a geyser of spray. For a moment the sea was stumultuous where the periscope had been and then foam and oil rose to the top and covered the surface. This first shot of the war was fired on the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, which began the Revolution. The coincidence has been taken by the navy as a good omen.

ANCIENT BASILICA BOMBED

Archaeological Museum at Aquileia Also Damaged.

Rome, May 16—The Ancient Basilica and the Archaeological Museum at Aquileia, at the head of the Adriatic, northwest of Triest, were each struck by an explosive bomb during a raid by Austrian airplanes on Sunday, and suffered damage considered irreparable.

The first bomb dropped by the raiders fell near the famous Lapidary Gallery in the museum, shattering a portion of the walls. The neighboring chapel of St. Antoine was also damaged. The second bomb passed through the roof to the right transept of the Basilica, near the tomb of Torriani, wrecked the interior arches, went through the floor and then burst, blowing off the roof.

A third bomb of incendiary nature, evidently designed to set fire to the wreckage, failed of its purpose.

This is the third time the Basilica has been attacked, this being held to indicate a definite intention to destroy it.

PATRIOTIC MEETING

Residents of Mount Vernon District to Organize Company of Home Guards at Potters' Hall School Building.

The citizens, of Mount Vernon District will meet at the Potters' Hill school building on Sunday, evening, May 20th, at 7:30 for the purpose of organizing a Home Guard Company. The servce will be of a patriotic and religious nature. The farmers of this district, realize the importance of preparedness, all along the line, and of food production as well, and have chosen Sunday as an appropriate day to prepare for the service of God and country. Everybody is urged to attend and "Do Their Bit."

Fish, Clams, Oysters, Crabs, at Phone 307 J. J. BRILL No. 2 King St.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Miss Caroline Wise, of Seminary Hill, left during the week to visit friends in Wayne, N. J.

Mrs. William Lewis Packard, of Geneva, N. Y., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Fowle Brookes, at their home in Prince street.

Mrs. Charles B. Eddy has returned to her home in Plainfield, N. J., after a visit to her sister, Miss Fanny Burke, at her home in Wilkes street.

Mrs. Charles Edward Potts left today for her home in Ashland, after a visit to her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. Keith Carlin, at their home in north Columbus street.

Eighty-eight gardens have been entered thus far in the contest for the prizes offered for the best garden by the Chamber of Commerce. That would look as though some of Alexandria population are interested in the backyard garden proposition and that good results are bound to follow.

The convention of the Northern Virginia Union of the interdenominational Christian Endeavor Societies met yesterday afternoon and evening in the Methodist Protestant Church, in north Washington street. Among those who spoke before the convention were the Rev. Morgan Compher, former states president; Mr. Carl Lahmann, field secretary of the all south Christian Societies; the Rev. Raymond W. White, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church; and the Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church. The officers elected at last night's session were as follows: President, Mr. Samuel Sutton, of Ballston Christian Church; Vice president, Mr. J .F. Lyons, of Mount Olivet M. P. Church; and Secretary-treasurer, Mr. Norman Roberts, of the Methodist Protestant Church, of this city. The Second Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Societies were admitted to membership in the Union yesterday. The Christian Endeavor is growing rapidly in the south, having gained in ten months 1300 new societies and over 80,000 new members.

LARGEST WAR BUDGET.

Conferees of Senate and House Decide to Retain Amendment Concerning Roosevelt's Plans.

Washington, May 16.— The War Army bill probably will become law within the next few days, and before the end of the week the comprehensive plans of the War Department for raising a force to fight Germany will be in motion.

Conferees of Senate and House committees agreed upon the bill yesterday deciding to retain the Senate amendment under which Colonel Roosevelt may be authorized to raise not more than four divisions of infantry for service in France. The report will be taken up by the House probably today and its adoption there is expected to be followed quickly by final action in the Senate.

From the Congress the bill will go to the White House for the signature of President Wilson before it becomes a law. Although the Administration opposed attaching any volunteer provision to the selective draft plan, it is generally believed the President will sign the measure if it reaches the White House with the Roosevelt amendment in it. The bill as it stands merely would authorize, not require, the recruiting of a volunteer force for service in France.

The largest war budget in the nation's history, aggregating $3,390,946,000, will be taken up tomorrow by the Senate and given the right of way until passed.

The bill, already passed by the House, provides for war expenditures of the Army and Navy and also, as increased by the Senate appropriations committee today, would appropriate $750,000,000, of which $405,000,000 would be immediately available for the Shipping Board's merchant fleet program.

As the measure came from the House it carried $2,827,300,000, virtually all for military needs of the war. The ship building provisions added by the Senate committee contain drastic provisions for federal command of shipyards, factories and other facilities.

Worshipful Master S. Nicklin, says that the stated communication of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120, A. F. & A. M., tomorrow, Thursday evening, will be of unusual interest to those who may have the privilege of being in attendance. The Master Mason's degree will be conferred.

Attorney E. Hilton Jackson, of Washington, who had a case in Judge Thornton's Court yesterday, was the guest for a few hours of his brother and sister-in-law, the Rev. Dr. Eugene B. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson, at their home in north Columbus street.

Martha Washington Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, are arranging to furnish a room in the new hospital to be known as the Eastern Star room. The members will go to Herbert Springs, on the Potomac river, June 4th, where they will hold a festival to assist in raising funds for the room.

About thirty members of Old Dominion Commandry No. 11, K. T., have arranged to go to Washington as guests of Potomac Commandery at Ascension services in Christ Church, Georgetown, tomorrow evening. The party will leave in automobiles from the corner of King and Washington streets tomorrow evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Campbell, of Charles Town, West Virginia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Barbara Fowle Campbell, to Dr. Hugh Johnson Hagan, of Roanoke, Virginia, the eldest son of Mrs. Lucien Cocke, of that place, and the late Dr. Hugh Hagan, of Atlanta. Dr. Hagan holds a commission in the Medical Reserve Corps and was "called out" last week.

Alexandria Council, Order Fraternal Americans, will hold its semi-monthly meeting tomorrow evening. It is expected that several candidates will be present to receive degrees. The committee on flag raising will also meet at this time and make arrangements for the proposed flag raisings. Mr. C. B. Webb, of Statesville, N. C., will be present and deliver an address.

ENFORCING VAGRANT ACT

Negro Who Declared he Would Never Work Sent to Jail for Six Months.

A young and robust negro man was before the Police Court yesterday morning charged with vagrancy. Justice Caton told the prisoner there was no real reason for any person being idle at present, as men were wanted everywhere. He gave Diggs one hour in which to find employment and the negro left as though he was about to look for something he didn't want to find. Later one of the officials at the Old Dominion Glass works offered Diggs employment, and took him to the plant in an automobile. Upon reachng the works the official told the darkey to remain in the auto until he arranged the work he desired him to perform. As soon as the official entered the plant the negro took to his heels, and later boasted that he had no intention of working for any body. Diggs was rearrested last night and brought before the bar this morning, when Justice Caton sentenced him to serve six months in jail, subject, of course, to labor on the roads.

COLD SPRING AT END.

Summer Type of Pressure Promises Warmer Weather.

The cold spring is over. The Weather Bureau yesterday announced that the appearance "of the summer type of pressure distribution" indicated warmer weather. There is no probability of a return to unseasonably low temperatures for some time to come, it declares.

Notice

The stated Conclave of Old Dominion Commandery No. 11, K. T. will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Arrangements will be perfected for Ascension Day Services next Sunday and other matters of interest will be discussed. A full attendance is desired. Let the Commandery have the inspiration of the presence and advice of every Sir Knight.

Work, Red Cross.
Uniforms, Fatigue.

C. Page Waller, jr.,
A. G. Uhler, Captain General
Recorder. 117-1t

Miss Nannie Anderson, of Towson, Md., is visiting the Misses Iden, in Duke street.

The members of Co. A, Alexandria Home Guards, are urgently requested to attend tonight's meeting in the Armory.

Miss Beatrice Crawford has returned to her home on Seminary Hill, after a visit to her brother-in-law and sister, the Rev. Oscar Randolph and Mrs. Randolph, at their home in Lexington, Virginia.

Mr. Herbert S. Partlow and Miss Duane Dulaney were united in holy matrimony this morning at eleven o'clock, at the home of Elder and Mrs. F. E. Gibson, 423 north Columbus street. Mr. and Mrs. Dulaney of this city, who were the brides' brother and sister-in-law, and Mrs. Gibson witnessed the ceremony.

The regular May meeting of Mount Vernon Chapter, D. A. R., was held at the residence of Mrs. George Uhler in north Washington street, yesterday afternoon. This chapter has been interested in the restoration of the old District Milestones about Alexandria. The milestones have been located, one at Jones' Point, one at the beginning of the lane leading to the Soldiers Cemetery, and one in the yard of Mrs. Benjamin Baggett, upper King street. These milestones will soon be marked and enclosed with a fence. The annual election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows; regent, Mrs. Thomas W. Robinson; vice regent, Mrs. J. Stewart Jamieson; recording secretary, Mrs. Mauchlin Niven; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John Hunton Foster; treasurer, Mrs. William B. Smoot; registrar, Miss Phillippa Wattles; and historian, Mrs. Robert C. Powell. The annual state conference of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution will be held in Richmond in the early fall and the following delegates will represent Mount Vernon Chapter at the conference; Mrs. Thomas W. Robinson, Mrs. J. Stewart Jamieson, Mrs. John Hunton Foster, Mrs. C. William Wattles, Miss Carrie Stribling, Miss Helen Calvert, Mrs. James D. Fauntleroy and Mrs. Mauchlin Niven.

POLICE COURT.

Police Justice Caton Sends Prisoner to Jail Who Will Not Work.

Earl Thompson, colored, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was fined $5.

Lawrence Baker, colored, charged with assaulting Irene Gibson, forfeited his collateral by failing to appear.

P. A. Burgess, colored, charged with assaulting his wife had his case continued, the wife not being present.

A man charged with allowing eight cows to run at large forfeited his collateral by failing to appear.

A white man, charged with being drunk, was dismissed with an admonition.

A colored man and colored woman, charged with disorderly conduct, forfeited their collateral by failing to appear.

James Diggs, colored, charged with vagrancy, was sent to jail for six months.

A white man, charged with being drunk, was fined $5.

Arthur Butcher, jr., charged with recklessness while riding a horse, had his case continued until next Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Butcher, it will be remembered, was riding down Fairfax street on the 17th ultimo when he ran over James Mellin, a six-year-old boy.

Attention Home Guards!

All members of Company A. Home Guards, and all citizens desiring to become members, are requested to assemble for drill, at Armory Hall this evening, promptly at 8 o'clock. The drill will be of short duration in order that the members desiring to The dril will be of short duration in ing at the Opera House. By order of Samue L. Monroe, Captain Co. A.

Divorces Granted.

In the Circuit Court for the city today decrees were entered granting divorces to the plaintiffs in the following cases:

Grace M. Jones vs. Herbert W. Jones.

Susie R. Johnson vs. George P. Johnson.

Anna Cullen vs. Joseph Cullen.

ALEXANDRIA OFFICE TO BE RAISED TO FIRST CLASS

Postmaster Smith Notified Today of Change to be Made in Classification on July 1st — Indicates Marked Increase in Buusiness of the City and Promises Better Equipment and Additional Service.

Postmaster William M. Smith generally wears a very becoming smile, and today was no exception to his customary rule. And there was abundant reason for it. Among the important letters received by him this morning was one from the Postoffice Department in Washington containing the welcome information that the Alexandria postoffice will be raised to an office of the first class on July 1st next.

The news will also be learned with sincere gratification by the business men and residents of the city generally, as it indicates that Alexandria has been making a steady growth upward in a business way during the past year especially. It will also mean that the local office will soon be given first class equipment, which it is greatly in need of, and additional service later on, which will be appreciated on the part of the patrons of the office as well as the employees, all of whom have been laboring under difficulties owing to the increasing business which could not be handled as promptly and satisfactorily as desired.

The Gazette takes pleasure in congratulating Postmaster Smith, and the residents of the city, as well, upon the new order of things which the change will assure.

FOR THE RED CROSS.

Program for Tomorrow Evening's Entertainment to be Given in the Richmond Theatre in This City.

The program to be given at tomorrow evening's entertainment for the benefit of the Alexandria branch of the Red Cross, under the auspices of the Ways and Means Committee, with the generous co-operation of those taking part, appears herewith:

Instrumental selection—Cohen's Orchestra.

Vocal selection—Seaman Whitman and Seaman Mollet of the U. S. S. Mayflower.

Hawaiian Selection—Marine musicians from the U. S. S. Mayflower, under the direction of Bandmaster Peterman, U. S. M. C.

Address, Gardner Boothe.

Address, Colonel Robert E. Lee.

Address, Eliot Wadsworth, Acting Chairman of the American Red Cross.

Address, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman.

Address. Hon. R. Walton Moore.

Vocal Selection, Mrs. Newton D. Baker.

Red Cross Rhymes, Mr. Frank A. Steele.

Violin solo, Mr. Cohen.

Reminisciences of the Red Cross in the Orient, Lieutenant Bryant, U. S. N., of the Mayflower.

Vocal solo, Mr. Kenneth W. Ogden.

The closet scene from Hamlet, Dr. George Buckler and Mrs. Eleanor Newton Buckler.

Vocal selection, Seamen Whitman and Mellet.

Instrumental selection, Marine Musicians.

Instrumental selection, Cohen's Orchestra.

Letters have been received from President Wilson and the Hon. Arthur James Balfour which will be read before the audience and then auctioned off, also from Colonel Roosevelt, Ex-President Taft, Secretaries Baker, Lane and Daniels, Sir Ernest Shackelton, Admiral Peary, Sir Herbert Tree and Herbert Hoover

GIRLS ON STRIKE PARADE.

Dressmakers in Paris Resist Enforced Saturday Half Holiday.

Paris, May 16.—There was an unusual spectacle in the boulevards yesterday morning, when more than 1000 striking dressmakers paraded the streets leading to labor headquarters. The strikers were employees of three principal dressmaking concerns which had sought to impose upon them a Saturday half holiday without pay. The strikers refused to accept the change, and demanded an increase in pay of 1 franc (about 20 cents) a day on account of the high cost of living.

A strike committee was appointed to induce dressmakers of other concerns to unite in a general movement.

Check for $100,000 to Joffre.

New York, May 16.—A check for 500,000 franc (about $100,000) will be presented by the Joffre Tribute Committee of this city to the Marshal of France for relief of French war orphans and Belgian sufferers, Frank A. Vanderlip, treasurer of the committee, announces.

ATTEND TONIGHT'S MEETING.

General E. W. Nichols and Others to Speak in the Interest of the Virginia Council of Defense.

The citizens of Alexandria are requested to bear in mind the public meeting to be held this evening in the Opera House in the interest of the Virginia Council of Defense. The subject is of paramount importance—too great to be overlooked. Put aside other matters for the time and see that eight o'clock finds you in your place at the meeting.

Addresses will be made by General E. W. Nichols, superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., Representative Carlin and other prominent men.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Mission Services to be Conducted From May 20th Until June 3d.

Beginning May the 20th, ending June the 3d, a mission will be preached by two missionaries of Mauresa Institute, South Norwalk, Conn., viz., the Reverend Fathers John Walsh and T. J. Delahant.

These priests belong to the Society of Jesus, which has given to this country such famous missionaries as the celebrated Father De Smet.

Before and for several years after the war of independence nearly all the Catholic priests in English speaking America were jesuits.

Saint Mary's parish, whose history goes back to the year 1795, has had mainly jesuit priests as pastors, the last of them having been the Rev. Dennis O'Keene, the predecessor of the late Rev. Henry J. Cutler. Everybody will be most welcome at all the services. The order of these in detail will be announced later.

Good Work Well Done.

Police Justice Caton performed a highly commendable act this morning by sending to jail one of the class of idle men referred to in the Gazette yesterday—loiterers about the city who refuse to accept employment when it is offered them and who have no visible means of support. Let the good work go on.

Alonzo M. Eubank, 35 years old, son of A. N. Eubank, of Charlottesville, was killed yesterday near Deggins, W. Va., where he was engaged as first sergeant in Company K, of Welch W. Va., in guarding a part of the Norfolk and Western Railway tracks. A railway velocipede on which he was riding overturned on him.

Funeral Notice.

The funeral of Mrs. Addie L. Duggan will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow, Thursday afternoon, from Wheatley's Chapel, with the Rev. Edgar Carpenter officiating. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend. 117-1t

Deviled Crabs, little neck clams and clam chowder at Rammel's Cafe.

Maryland spring chicken at Rammel's cafe.

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UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA.

Fifty years ago today Russia ratified the treaty with the United States ceding to this country Russian North America, which has subsequently been known as Alaska Territory. The United States paid $7,200,000 for the territory, which embraces 580,000 square miles.

The anniversary of this treaty brings to mind former relations between the United States and Russia, and shows that the same good feeling exists now which was apparent at a time when this country needed a friend in Europe.

In the latter part of the war between the states France proposed to recognize the Southern Confederacy provided England would do likewise. Queen Victoria, however, refused to join France in such a movement. At this juncture, when the heads of the federal government were spending sleepless nights by realizing that Napoleon the Third had defied our Monroe doctrine by setting up a monarchy in Mexico with Maximilian at its head, a fleet of Russian men-of-war entered the Virginia capes, passed up Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac river, and anchored near Alexandria. The admiral of the fleet had sealed orders which he was directed not to break if England refused to enter into the scheme of the French Emperor. England did not fall in line, and probably no one is living today who can tell the nature of Russia's sealed orders.

While the Muscovite fleet lay near Alexandria officers and sailors of the ships visited this city daily, which was their purchasing depot. They were often encountered on our streets and in our market house.

After lying here for a time the fleet weighed anchor and moved slowly down the river, saluting Alexandria with their batteries as they passed the city.

Some persons have suggested that Russia had hopes, in the event of that nation taking a part in our troubles, to be allowed to extend her territory on the Pacific coast as a compensation for her aid.

Fortunately Abraham Lincoln and William H. Seward steered the country clear of foreign breakers, and at the close of our civil war, Russia seeing her dreams dissipate, was ready to sell Alaska to the United States.

Russia has ever been friendly towards this country, and the dispatch of a commission from this country to that nation, which has but recently thrown off autocracy, will still further cement the good feeling.

THE RUSSIAN MANIFESTO

The manifesto addressed to the army by the Council of Soldiers' and Workmens' Delegates of Russia, is reassuring in some degree. But, as a cotemporary observes, its importance depends upon the amount of influence it has with the army, and for that we must wait. But it does something to restore confidence in the Russian democracy to find this Council, representing the Russian Socialistic elements, fully awake to the menace of Teutonism, and appealing to the soldiers to continue the war, not to refrain from offensive movements against the enemy, and not to think for a moment of a separate peace for Russia.

The overthrow of the Czar shook the throne of the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburg. It is quite certain that there will be no democratic Russia if Berlin and Vienna can prevent it. If the Central Powers can paralyze Russian action they will have a little more hope of winning the war. They cannot possibly succeed, for the United States is a far more formidable antagonist than Russia has been. But Russian inaction and irresolution have already made it possible for von Hindenburg to strip the eastern front of the means of reinforcing the western lines which are yielding under the French and British blows. The report has it that forty divisions—depleted divisions; not such divisions as those of 1914—have been transferred. If the fraternization of German and Russian soldiers can be encouraged and the country left to anarchy after the collapse of the Provisional Government, the Germans will be able to strengthen still further their lines in France and Belgium.

And if the Teutonic Powers could either win or get a peace on the basis of a drawn fight, their very next step would be the establishment of a "strong" Government in Russia. The ultra-democrats would have betrayed representative government only to find themselves once more under the heel of a military autocracy fortified by German and Austrian support. The Council that issued the manifesto to the army to go on with the war and keep faith with the allies has perspicacity enough to see that popular government in Russia is menaced by the ultra-pacifist, or pro-German, influences.

WANT BIBLE MODERNIZED

The question of modernizing the Bible and bringing it up to present-day conditions caused a lively debate at Monday's meeting of the Baptist ministers, of Philadelphia. Rev. Daniel G. Stevens, of the American Baptist Publication Society, read a paper on "The Baptists of Today and the Bible." He contended that the words of the Bible should be interpreted to suit the needs of the time.

Rev. Milton C. Evans, president of Crozer Seminary, said that while he favored Mr. Stevens's address, it was not radical enough to suit him. He said that not only should the Bible be interpreted to suit present conditions, but that the Bible, as it now stood, was a detriment rather than a help in the teaching of Christ's law, and that in his theological classes he had always a deep fear for them attempting to follow literally the teachings of the Scriptures. The day would come, he said, when the Bible in its present form would have to be abandoned as a rule of faith.

Dr. Evans further said that if the Bible were not changed, so as to omit many obviously foolish things, such as certain prophecies, which foolish people believe refer to the present war, etc., the book would soon lose its influence and fall into disuse.

One of the most glaring signs of the perilous times into which it seems the world is entering is the neglect or repudiation of the scriptures. We expect people who are averse to the trammels of the book to reject it, but when ministers of the Gospel treat the Bible wth contempt conditions are becoming appalling.

TRANSPLANTING AN EXOTIC.

Attorney General John Garland Pollard, who is stumping the state for Governor, appeared on the eastern side of Chesapeake Bay Monday and delivered a speech in Northampton county. Among other things he declared himself to be in favor of the initiative and referendum.

We have ever been democrats ex animo, but must confess that we have generally flinched at the initiative, referendum and recall planks of the "wild and woolly west" platforms. It is doubtful whether this exotic will take root in the Old Dominion. We deem it unnecessary to go into details concerning this idea of democracy which would remove the roof from all government and rule the world by mass meeting or, more properly speaking, by mob law. Russia is today in a chaotic condition from the fact that the provisional government is all head.

The Gazette has no intention of minimizing Mr. Pollard's candidacy for Governor. There is every reason to believe he would make a conscientious executive should a majority of the voters of Virginia call him to the gubernatorial chair. He, however, lays no claim to infallibility, and we believe his attempt to foist the initiative and referendum upon the Old Dominion to be a political blunder.

OBLIGATION OF FRIENDSHIP

You ought to be fine for the sake of the folks
Who think you are fine.
If others have faith in you doubly you're bound
To stick to the line.
It's not only on you that dishonor descends;
You can't hurt yourself without hurting your friends.

You ought to be true for the sake of the folks
Who believe you are true.
You never should stoop to a deed that your friends
Think you wouldn't do.
If you're false to yourself, be the blemish but small,
You have injured your friends; you've been false to them all.

For friendship, my boy, is a bond between men
That is founded on truth;
It believes in the best of the ones that it loves,
Whether old man or youth,
And the stern rule it lays down for me and for you
Is to be what our friends think we are through and through.

—From the Detroit Free Press

VIERECK VS. RIDDER.

(Richmond Journal.)

George Sylvester Viereck makes an appeal in his weekly (to Germany) for the feelings of German-American citizens who are conscripted for the army. He thinks that we should spare Americans of German descent the torture of shedding by compulsion, legal or moral, the blood of their brothers. In the war between the states brother was often found opposing brother and occasionally father against son. More remote kinship was repeatedly in armed conflict. Such conditions were far more painful than could happen in the present war, since in addition to the ties of consanguinity was the fact that the country likewise was divided. It will be of rare occurrence for father and son to oppose each other in the war between the United States and Germany. The American-born sons of German parents who are conscripted could hardly be so arraigned. They should be proud of the opportunity to lend their unit-might to the defeat of kaiserism and all that it implies. Was it not because of the autocratic powers of the emperor that their fathers left Germany for a land of greater personal liberty? What better boon could they confer on their less fortunate kinsmen across the water than a freedom approximating their own? That, surely, is worth fighting for. But what shall be said of the American-born son of German parents, living in this country, who enlists to fight for the kaiser? There are scores of such. They are virtually helping to perpetuate a form of government their fathers sought to escape from. Such inconsistency is lamentable and such service inexcusable. It may be urged that they went over to what they term the "Fatherland" before the United States declared war. That does not materially change the situation. Always, it has been a war of militant autocracies against genuine democracies. No real American at heart or in spirit would align himself on the side of kaiserism or czarism. It is unthinkable. The best service, then, that a citizen of German descent can do for his kinsfolk across the water is to fight with heart and soul against the principle of Prussian militarism, Mr. Viereck's plaintive appeals to the contrary, notwithstanding. That is Mr. Bernard Ridder's advice and the editor of the Staats Zeitung is a better American than Editor Viereck has shown himself to be.

REFLECT VIRGINIA SENTIMENT.

(Richmond Virginian)

The reversal of itself by the United States senate in the matter of the Cummins amendment to the espionage bill, prohibiting the use of cereals grains or syrups in the manufacture of alcoholic liquors, was both a surprise and a disappointment. The senate adopted the Cummins amendment on Saturday by a decisive vote, but on Monday reconsidered this action, and the amendment was voted down. One ground on which the amendment was opposed was that it was strictly a food measure, and had no place in the espionage bill.

It was gratifying to observe that the Virginia senators faithfully reflected the sentiments of this state in voting for the amendment on Monday as they had also done on Saturday. Sentators Martin and Swanson have stood with the dry forces in every fight made in the senate at this session, and in doing so have faithfully represented their constituents.

BOUGHT LIQUOR IN JAIL.

Discharged Prisoner, Too Drunk to Leave, Says he Got His There.

Chesterfield County jail bids fair to become one of the best known summer resorts. If the statement of a discharged prisoner is to be believed, it is one of the easiest places in Virginia in which to buy whisky.

The term of a certain citizen of Chesterfield who has been spending some time in the Chesterfield prison expired yesterday morning and a guard unlocked the outer door and informed him that he could go. The prisoner was found to be too drunk to travel, and on being searched more whisky was found on his person. On being questioned he said he bought it in jail, but declined to say from whom it was purchased.

Some weeks ago an automobile belonging to Leo Kidd, of Richmond, and said to be on its way to Hopewell, was confiscated and was found to be loaded with cases of whisky. The liquor was stored at the Chesterfield jail, pending the outcome of the case. When examined yesterday twelve quarts were missing.

The jailer denies selling or furnishing liquor to the prisoner.

TO SPEED UP CONGRESS

Virginia Defense Council Wants Quick Action on Measures Now on Calendar.

Richmond, May 16.—The Virginia Council of Defense issued a strong appeal at the close of its session here yesterday to members of Congress to put an end to delay in the matter of the public business, to pass the laws for national defense and to accept effective leadership.

Another action of the council had to do with a plan suggested to the bankers of Virginia, whereby farmers may readily get money needed for seeds and equipment of any sort to enable them to raise more crops this season. The plan is for the bankers of the State to make up a fund of from $200,000 to $500,000 to be managed by a board appointed for the purpose. From this central pool sums will be lent to farmers who are deemed worthy to be trusted and who are sure to use the money in the right way, but who are not in a position to borrow from the banks themselves.

The question of a man's character and honesty will be determined by some local official who knows the man and the conditions in his county. A number of Virginia banks already are making loans at small interest and without the customary security. The council will present its plan formally to the Bankers' Association of Virginia and urge immediate action.

Conditions in Palestine are appalling. Dispatches from Cairo, Egypt, headquarters of the British army operating in western Turkey, state that famine and pestilence are raging there. It is estimated that more than 70,000 persons in Palestine have died of starvation or from brutal treatment by the Turks.

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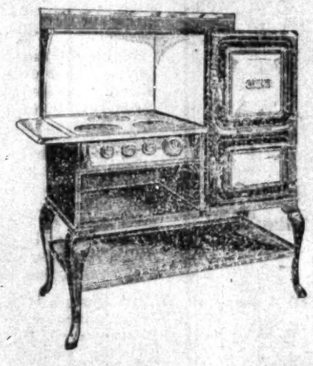

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Von Bethmann-Hollweg's Speech in German Reichstag Yesterday Disappointing..

Berlin, May 16.—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, imperial chancellor, refused in the Reichstag yesterday to give Germany's terms of peace.

Instead, he offered peace to Russia. The only condition, he said, was renunciation by Russia of her aims to conquest.

In cautions terms, without the slightest hints at detailed conditions the chancellor offered peace to Russia.

Germany, he said, would not make impossible demands and thus block the road to peace and friendship if Russia abandoned her ambitions for conquest.

Refuses to Commit Self.

On the terms of peace with Russia separately or the entente generally he refused to commit himself. He declined to reply to the interpellations of the conservatives, who clamor for conquest and annexation, and of the socialists, who want peace without annexation.

In an endeavor to hit at a safe middle course the chancellor said he would neither set forth a program of conquest nor a program which would vitiate the successes of the German armies. He said:

"I thoroughly and fully understand the passionate interest of the people in war aims and peace conditions.

"I understand the call for clearness which today is addressed to me from the right and left. But in discussion of war aims the only guiding line for me is early and satifactory conclusion of the war. Beyond that I cannot do or say anything."

WILSON SPEEDS FOOD BILLS

At White House Conference Urges Congress Leaders to Action.

Washington, May 16.— President Wilson last night began an effort to have Congress speed up war legislation. At a White House conference with members of Senate and House Agriculture Committees he emphasized the imperative necessity for prompt action upon the food control legislation the Administration believes is essential to the conduct of the war.

The conference was general in character, and no specific agreements were reached, but there were indications that the committeemen went away prepared to undertake early enactment of laws to prevent speculation in foods and to assure an equitable return to the producer and a fair price to the consumer.

The President explained to the legislators that he was anxious to have Senate and House committees get together on a bill containing some of the more important features of the legislation so that its passage can be expedited. He disclosed the food situation in the United States, the allied countries and in neutral countries which the United States must at least help to feed. There were suggestions that there had been too much alarmist talk about food conditions. The President stated emphatically to those gathered about him that it would be difficult to express in parliamentary language what should be done with any one who would speculate in food products in a situation like the present.

The various bills now before Congress probably will be revised into three measures to express definitely the ideas of the Administration as to food control. The House bills very nearly provide now what the Administration believes is the best program.

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BALFOUR WINDS UP WORK.

British Mission to Make Plans for Departure Today.

With the time for the departure from American shores drawing near, the British war mission met today with Foreign Secretary Balfour to wind up and survey the results of their labors. The date of the departure from this country will probably be decided today. Greatest secrecy of the route and place of sailing will be observed.

To honor the memory of Joseph Choate, Balfour today designated his parliamentary secretary to represent the mission at the funeral.

FOUR DEAD IN PLOT EXPLOSION

Attempt Made to Destroy Soo Locks Guarded by Michigan Soldiers — Pier is Damaged.

Saulte Ste Marie, Mich., May 16.—Four men were killed and three fatally injured today when an explosion damaged the Government pier near the Soo locks.

Preliminary investigation indicated the explosion was an effort by plotters to destroy the locks which have been under guard of Michigan national guardsmen for several weeks.

BERLIN CLAIMS ADVANCE

Reports Capture of 700 Yards of French Trenches.

Berlin, via. London, May 16.—Capture of the trenches on the outer line on a width of nearly 700 yards was today reported in the official statement.

A Brandenburg batttalion broke into enemy trenches east of Lanenville taking 175 prisoners and much booty and holding their gains despite several French attacks with strong forces.

MISS NONA M'ADOO WEDS

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Washington, D. C. May 16.—The marriage of Nona Haselhurst McAdoo daughter of the Secretary of the Treasurer, to Ferdinand de Mohrenschildt, second secretary of the Russian Embassy, was celebrated in quaint old St. John's church yesterday afternoon.

Attending the ceremony were the President and Mrs. Wilson, the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall, all the Cabinet members, the diplomatic corps and representatives of British and French commissions and former Russian Ambassador, George Bakhmetieff and wife.

The bride, who presided over the home of Secretary McAdoo until his marriage to Miss Eleanor Wilson three years ago, was given away by her father.

The bride wore a gown of filmy white tulle over satin with pearl embroidery and a long tulle veil, caught with a bandeau of pearls. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Taber Martin, of Chestnut Hill, Pa.; Miss Mary McAdoo, of New York and Miss Ethel Harriman. Little Nona McAdoo Martin, niece and namesake of the bride, was her flower girl.

The bridegroom comes of an old and distinguished Russian family, and is considered one of the cleverest and most talented of the younger generation of diplomats. Baron Renaud D'Ungern Sternberg, of the Russian Embassy staff, was best man.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

The formation of a naval staff, of which Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, first sea lord, will be chief, was announced in the British house of commons today by Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty.

Fire yesterday afternoon destroyed both sides of the main street, of Kings Park, Long Island, causing an estimated loss of over $1,000,000.

Gen. Petain was appointed as commander-in-chief of the French armies operating on the French front at a cabinet meeting yesterday. Gen. Nivelle was placed in command of a group of armies. Gen. Foch, who played an important role in the battles of the Marne and the Yser, succeeds Gen. Petain as chief of staff of the ministry of war.

The Italians took the offensive yesterday. The war office announces that considerable progress was made in the Plava area, on the slopes of Monte Cucco and on the hills east of Gorizia and Vertobizza. The statement says the infantry action continues, supported by artillery. Numbers of prisoners are beginning to be brought in.

Lieut. Melchoir Eberts, United States army aviation corps, was killed yesterday by a fall with his airplane in a flight at Columbus, N. Mexico. Capt. James L. Dunsworth, who was in the machine with Lieut. Eberts, was injured but will recover The airplane fell from a height of 1,500 feet. The accident was attributed to atmospheric conditions resulting from the altitude and the dryness of the region about Columbus, the machine having been caught in an "air pocket."

Mrs. Katrina Couch, wife of the Rev. James Couch, former pastor of a Christian Church near St. Fransville, Ill., has been shot in Germany as a spy, according to news conveyed to Mr. Couch through the Swiss foreign office. The probable circumstance that could have led to her death, Mr. Couch said, was that military censors intercepted one of her letters to him in which she too freely expressed her dislike for the German emperor.

Fire of unknown origin which started shortly before 11 o'clock last night in the five-story brick receiving building of the New York navy yard destroyed that structure and caused a loss which probably will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. On both sides of the ordnance pier leading to the building are moored interned German steamships. These, however, were not damaged. A large quantity of clothing and other supplies were burned.

Southern negroes are taking the place of discharged Germans on many American ships.

After three attacks launched by the Germans on the British holding Bullecourt and the section of the Hindenburg line east of the village had been repulsed yesterday, a fourth assault succeeded in driving back British troops in the western section about 100 yards. According to the latest report issued by army headquarters in France, the Germans paid dearly for their small success, 250 dead and wounded being left within the British lines after one attack.

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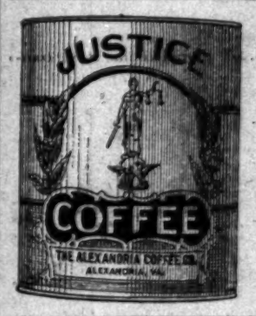

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WANT GENERAL PEACE

Russian Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates Declare for Coalition Government.

Petrograd, May 16.—By a vote of 41 to 19 the executive committee of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates late yesterday declared in favor of a coalition government.

The decision is hailed as an entering wedge of central authority at a moment when the cleavage between the council and the provisional government seemed unbridgeable.

The climax had been reached when news spread broadcast that two more army commanders had tendered their resignations—Gen. Brusiloff, chief of the Russian southwestern forces, and Gen. Gurko, head of the western army, which includes the troops defending Riga and Dwinsk.

It did not become known until yesterday that these two commanders had tendered their resignations just before the minister of war, M. Gutchkoff, relinquished his office. Decision regarding the request of Gens. Brusiloff and Gurko is held in abeyance pending the appointment of a successor to Gutchkoff.

It was the latter's resignation that helped most to swing the council around to favor a coalition regime with representation from the ranks of the socialists and radicals. For in the present situation there is no prescribed process by which a new war minister may be named unless by special agreement.

The council, pressed strongly by the Moscow branch of the delegates, finally concluded that a coalition government was the only solution, hoping thus to force out other ministers in the present government who are under the suspicion of imperialism.

Meanwhile the Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates made it once more clear to the Russian people and to the world that not a separate peace but a general peace "without annexation or indemnities, on the right of nations to work out their own destinies," is the goal toward which it is striving.

WAR ON SUBMARINES

Fleet of Seven Captured or Sunk by British Men-of-War.

London, May 16.— The report of the week's losses through submarines to be issued today will be the most favorable in several weeks. The number of ships torpedoed is well below the average, while the number of ships escaping attack is very large. Those in touch with the anti-submarine campaign also are very cheerful over the result of actual attacks on submarines, which have been pushed with the utmost vigor during the fine weather of the last fortnight. This has been particularly favorable to airplane activity. According to one report, more submarines have been sunk in the last week than in the month previous.

An American Port, May 16 A fleet of at least seven German submarines has been sunk or captured by the British navy while on its way to United States waters to raid American shipping, according to information received here. The submarines were on their way into the Atlantic when overhauled by British-men-of-war. The news was brought here by an officer who recently arrived from England on a transatlantic liner coming into an American port. He learned that the British admiralty, through its secret service, obtained information of the departure of this submarine fleet bound for American waters. The British admiralty took prompt and effective measures to block North Sea channels. The submarines captured were taken to a British port.

Amsterdam, May 16.— The Germans have about 325 submarines in operation and about 80 to 100 have been lost through British nets alone, according to the Telegraf, which prints an interview with a member of the crew of the submarine U-58. This is the submarine which sank the Dutch grain ships in February.

BARELY MISSED SHIP

Torpedo Fired at White Star Liner Sped by Ten Feet Away.

New York, May 16.—According to information obtained from travelers here a torpedo fired by a German submarine at the White Star liner Baltic, April 19, missed the great liner by a bare ten feet. This was the second attack made on the Baltic in two days. Both were fruitless. The first attack was made on April 18, and the wake of the approaching torpedo was seen in time to switch the Baltic suddenly from her course. Thursday's attack was much closer the torpedo missing by a scant ten feet. On neither occasion did the Baltic sight the U-boat which fired the torpedo.

When the Baltic did arrive safely at a British port, she brought six members of the crew of a Danish lumber sailing ship, forty-two days out of Savannah. The men had been afloat twenty-four hours when rescued.

Travelers here were also authority for news of the sinkng of the British steamer Oswald, from Pensacola to Liverpool, at 9 a. m. April 23. There was no warning of the submarine's approach. The senior wireless operator was drowned, but the others of the sixty aboard were saved, including Arthur Ferguson, of Berwick, Me., an American surgeon.

Another U-boat victim of which word was received here was the British sailing ship Arethusa, bound from Gulfport, Miss., to Greenock. She was attacked April 23, without warning. Seaman Elmer Malcolmn, of Philadelphia, an American, was at her helm. The vessel did not sink, so the Germans set her hulk afire.

POTATO SHORTAGE.

Food Problem in Germany Causes Government Much Concern.

Copenhagen, May 16.—The potato shortage in Germany is making itself felt in spite of assurances at the time the bread ration was reduced last month that enough potatoes were on hand to permit a weekly per capita issue of 5 pounds until the next harvest. The bureau of food control by strenuous efforts has been able to supply a 5-pound ration in the Berlin and Westphalia industrial districts, where the labor crisis at the time of the reduction of the bread ration was particularly acute. Bitter complaints, however, are coming from various other sections.

In many sections of Bavaria, according to reports to the reichstag, the potato ration is only 24 ounces weekly. The Hamburg ration is now, and has been for weeks 2 pounds and the sister city of Altona has been placed for the next week on a 1 1-2 pound allowance.

It is true that in accordance with the government's promise the bread ration is not reduced where the 5-pound allowance of potatoes is not furnished. Every pound extra of flour applied for this purpose, however, upsets the government's scheme of distribution, which was based on the fact that the stock of grain in the empire is barely adequate, under reduced rations, to carry the population through until August 15, the earliest possible date when flour from the new harvest is expected to be available.

The national military requisition and expropriation of grain, which have just been finished, have, according to Food Commissioner Michaels, not uncovered enough unreported grain to affect previous estimates. Also the prospective date for the harvest has been still further deferred by the continued cold weather. In east and west Prussia, two of the great grain districts of Germany, frosts were reported as late as last week. Under the circumstances the authorities face the alternative of again reducing the bread ration or confronting a hiatus of more or less duration between the time of the exhaustion of the present stocks and the incoming of the first 1917 flour. This is an unpleasant prospect for the government, as it was only able to check the movement by the positive assurance that neither the bread nor potato allowance would be further reduced.

Apprehension is also being expressed at the inroads which the increased meat ration, granted when the bread allowance was reduced, is making in the meat supply.

BACK FROM TRENCHES

Two Richmond Men, Both Wounded Tell of Conditions at Front.

Two young heroes of the Somme, former residents of Richmond, who have "done their bit" at a personal loss in the conflict of liberty against German autocracy, yesterday returned to the city, one without his right arm and the other on crutches but proudly wearing the insignia of the "Great War Veterans," the ribbon of the Belgian Legion of Honor and the French Modele Militaire. They are Hugh Gerow, of the Fourth Canadians, and Kenneth Bowyer, of the Sixteenth Canadian Scots.

Both were wounded by bursting shrapnel before the German defenses on the Somme, Gerow falling in the capture of a Boche trench and Bowyer in storming Hill 60. Gerow and Bowyer were under intensive fire also at St. Julien, Zillebeke and Plug street, entering the trenches last June. They were wounded the last week in December.

"There's nothing to it; only a matter of time," said Gerow. "Any man who has witnessed the atrocities of those German devils in Belgium as I have and then won't fight them, well —." And he mumbled indignanty. Both were reticent regarding their personal experiences on the war front, but talked freely of the conditions that exist in Europe and the inhuman acts of the Germans against women and children and defenseless noncombatants, particularly in Belgium.

Gerow landed with Bowyer in Halifax last week, coming directly to the United States, stopping first at Philadelphia, where they inspected for the British army a new and improved type of ambulance known as the Gan's litter. The men probably will be in Richmond for a week. Dressed in the plain service khaki, and the picturesque cap of the Scots, these unobtrusive young fellows attracted considerable attention on Broad street this morning, apparently to their embarrassment, for as soon as a small crowd collected both dodged and disappeared.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Patriotic day was celebrated yesterday in Lexington with military and automobile parades and addresses. Led by the corps of Virginia Military Institute cadets, the procession, composed of Washington and Lee battalion, rookies, Red Cross nurses, Lexington firemen, Buena Vista Seminary girls and Boy Scouts, passed through the principal streets. William A. Anderson and President Henry Louis Smith, of Washington and Lee University, spoke. An automobile parade with 100 cars in line was held in the afternoon. The exercises were concluded with a drill on the parade grounds by the Virginia Military Institute cadets.

The Lynchburg Woman's Club telegraphed Monday night a protest to Carl S. Vrooman, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, relative to the concerning of the local wholesale market on beans and canned corn, tomatoes, salmon and sardines. The club requested the department to investigate the local conditions. Many tons of beans and practically the entire canned goods market have been bought up there.

Heavy firing at sea, apparently not far from Virginia Beach, shook houses, rattled windows and startled inhabitants at the beach and Tanners Creek last night. Several persons made inquiries of Norfolk over the telephone, believing a battle was being fought somewhere off the coast. Several persons stated that distinct rumbling sounds, as if big guns were being fired, were heard at intervals of about a minute each, and then five shots were fired in rapid succession. Naval officers at Norfolk said they had heard nothing of any firing near the coast.

Virginia Retail Jewelers' Association adjourned in Petersburg yesterday after selecting Newport News as the place for the annual convention next year. Officers were elected.

Langbourne M. Williams has been appointed by Judge William A. Moncure, in the Chancery Court, receiver of the Tidewater and Western Railroad Company, which operates a narrow-gauge road from Farmville to Bermuda Hundred, a distance of 88 miles. For eight years the road has been unable to meet interest on its bonds and the holders now are due more than $108.000. The receivership was on unanimous petition of stockholders of the company. The State Corporation Commission ordered the Tidewater and Western Railroad Company to continue the operation of the road until further orders from the commission, which has under consideration a petition of dissolution filed last week.

OIL FUEL FOR SCHOOLS

Philadelphia Educators Join in Move to Check Coal Gougers.

Pittsburgh, May 16—The National Association of School Accounting officers, Wm. Dick Secretary of the Philadelphia Board of Education), president, yesterday heard William T. Keough, busines agent of Boston public schools, urge a national transformation by which public school buildings of the country would be made over to burn oil instead of coal for fuel, and thus knock out extortion by coal dealers.

Public school systems throughout the country last winter were uniformly gouged, officials testified, for coal.

Mr. Dick and Lorin C. Powers, chief accountant of the Philadelphia Board, questioned whether the cost to make over the school plants would not offset the saving in burning oil.

Harlan Updegraff, professor of educational service, University of Pennsylvania, is attending the convention.

NOT DUE TO SEX ALONE.

Alexandria Women Have Learned The Cause of Many Mysterious Pains and Aches.

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